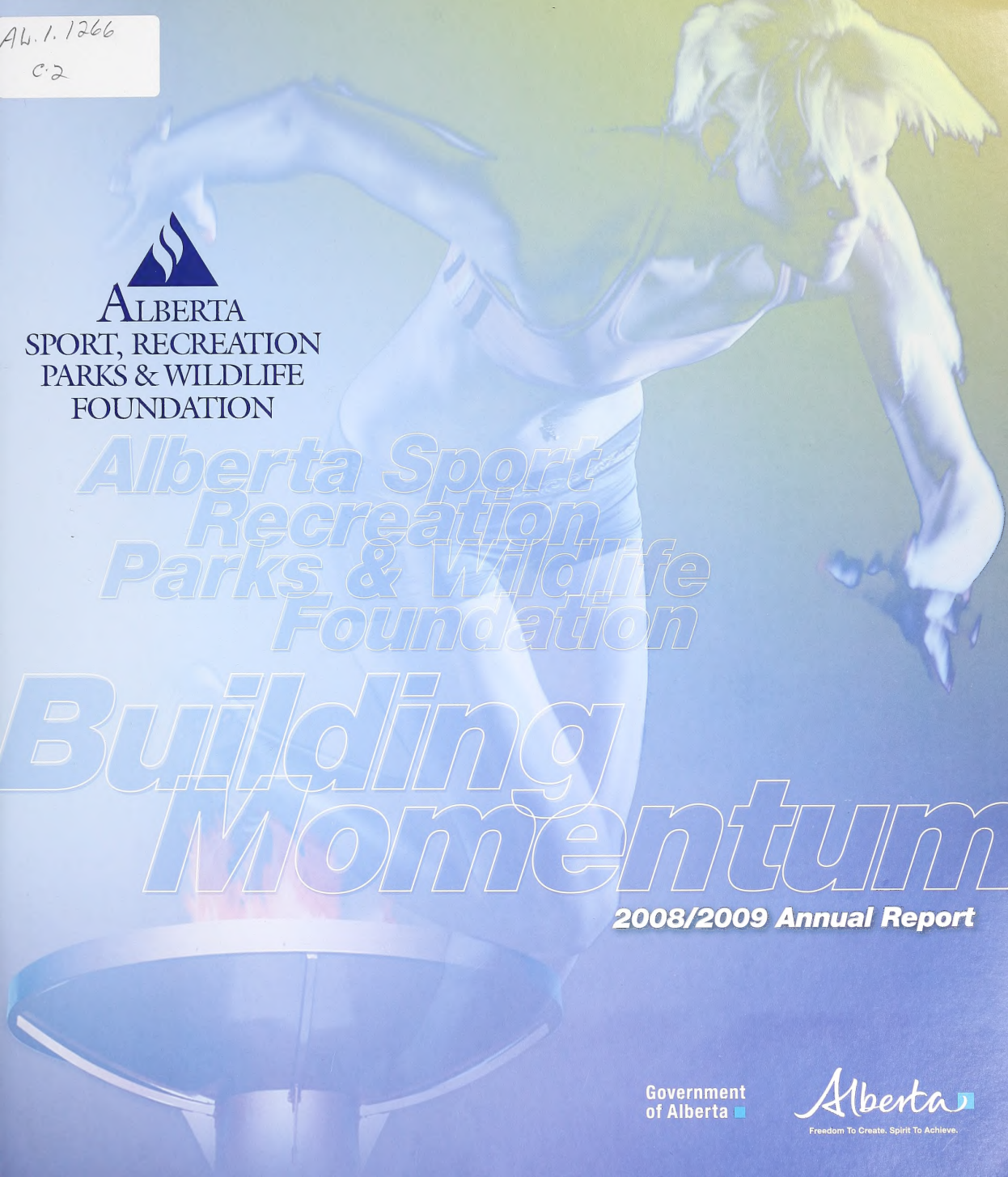
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ALBERTA
SPORT, RECREATION
PARKS & WILDLIFE
FOUNDATION

Alberta Sport Recreation Parks & Wildlife Foundation

Building Momentum

2008/2009 Annual Report

Government of Alberta

Alberta
Freedom To Create. Spirit To Achieve.

Inspiring wellness. Celebrating achievement.
Guiding stewardship. Enabling participation.
We are the Alberta Sport, Recreation, Parks
and Wildlife Foundation.

Building Momentum

From fostering active living and showcasing athletic excellence at multi-sport Games to setting international benchmarks for wilderness conservation, the Foundation is dedicated to enhancing quality of life province-wide for generations to come.

We are driven by a spirit of goodwill, sportsmanship, partnership and diversity as we strive toward new heights and horizons, championing initiatives that enrich lives and communities.

The Foundation is supported by the Alberta Lottery Fund and reports to the Minister of Alberta Tourism, Parks and Recreation. We are pleased to present the Annual Report for 2008/2009.



The Foundation at a Glance

The Foundation was incorporated in 1994 under the Alberta Sport, Recreation, Parks and Wildlife Foundation Act with the Government of Alberta as the sole shareholder.

Our Values

Stewardship	we efficiently deliver services to our clients
Engagement	we are highly motivated to achieve business goals
Respect	we show consideration and appreciation for diversity
Integrity	we conduct ourselves ethically and are open, honest and fair
Accountability	we are accountable for our actions
Excellence	we are committed to continually improving the services we deliver
Collaboration	we work together to achieve our goals

Our Mission

To facilitate and enhance activities, lifestyles and legacies through the development of active partnerships in sport, recreation, parks and wildlife programs.



Chairman's Message

"This past year has seen a significant change occur within the Board of Directors, the implementation of a number of new initiatives, and enhanced support to our partners in the delivery of sport and recreation to the province."



This past year has seen a significant change occur within the Board of Directors, the implementation of a number of new initiatives, and enhanced support to our partners in the delivery of sport and recreation to the province.

Orest Korbutt, ASRPWF chairman since 1998, completed his tenure on December 31, 2008. During his ten years as Chairman, Orest provided outstanding leadership to the sport and recreation community and oversaw significant development in that time.

Programs that were implemented this past year include: the Podium Alberta program, which supports Alberta's high-performance athletes; an Aboriginal Bilateral program that supports increasing capacity with the Indigenous Sport Council of Alberta in providing sport opportunities for Aboriginal peoples; and the Sport Participation Bilateral program, which is aimed at supporting underrepresented groups such as women and girls, persons with a disability and visible minorities in partnership with Sport Canada.

The Bilateral agreement with the Public Health Agency of Canada supported a number of projects aimed at increasing the number of Albertans who are physically active, with the aim of also increasing the percentage of the population that will make being physically active a major component of the lifestyle they choose to live.

The Foundation continues to partner with provincial sport, recreation and active living organizations. These agencies provide significant opportunities for Albertans to enjoy healthy, active lifestyles.

Medicine Hat hosted a very exciting 2008 Alberta Summer Games, and Lethbridge played host to the first-ever 2009 Alberta 55 Plus Winter Games. The Foundation also coordinated the traditional honouring of Alberta's Olympic and Paralympic athletes and coaches following the Beijing Games.

I am honoured to succeed Orest Korbutt as Chair of the Foundation. I look forward with great optimism as the Foundation embarks on a new era of promoting the benefits of an active and healthy lifestyle and continues to support our volunteer partners in the quest to enhance sport and recreation opportunities in the province.

William R. Persley

William Persley, Chairman

Growing awareness

Highlighting health

Preserving independence

Encouraging participation

Improving lives

Live in Motion

Inspiring Wellness

As part of a province-wide strategy, the Foundation supports Albertans of all ages with many services and programs that inspire and encourage active living. Through funding for participation opportunities, public education initiatives, practitioner training and research, the Foundation is working to enhance the quality of life, self-reliance and health of all Albertans.

Fast Fact:

The Foundation provides over $1.6 million annually to assist active living agencies in developing opportunities for Albertans to be active in schools, communities and workplaces.

Fast Fact:

Over 101,000 Albertans were active in 1,890 community programs or events offered by the Be Fit For Life Network.

The Alberta Active Living Partners

Funded by the Foundation, 13 agencies collaborate to increase the number of physically active Albertans and the practitioners who assist them.

Be Fit For Life Network

In 2008/2009, over 101,000 Albertans were active in 1,890 community programs or events offered by the Be Fit For Life Network. The Be Fit For Life Network – nine regional centres hosted by post-secondary education institutions – reached 127 communities, sharing active living expertise through fitness certification, physical activity assessments, educational presentations, healthy living events, physical activity programs and more.

Ever Active Schools

The Ever Active Schools program inspired and trained over 5,600 teachers to promote healthy, active living in schools and communities through 131 workshops and Healthy Active School Symposia offered through 11 events across the province. Adding to the delivery of practitioner training, the Alberta Fitness Leadership Certification Association conducted 174 certification courses designed to help urban and rural communities access fitness professionals trained at the highest standards of excellence and safety.

Alberta Centre for Active Living

The Alberta Centre for Active Living's network of 8,100 practitioners plays a key role in inspiring physical activity among Albertans of all ages. A comprehensive website, regular newsletters, educational events and collaborations with other healthy living partners have extended the Centre's reach to over 23,000 people province-wide.

Live in Motion

Building Supportive Active Living Environments

Being active can be an issue beyond simply personal choice. In 2008/2009, the Foundation funded projects aimed at influencing environments that promote and support physical activity. In a pilot program called Physical Activity for All: Understanding Inclusion, the Alberta Centre for Active Living explored barriers that prevent Albertans from being active.

To encourage active living at an early age, Ever Active Schools and the Battle River School Division are adopting new approaches and programs that encourage healthy lifestyles among students, staff and community members.

Another way the Foundation supports the health of Albertans is through funding the Alberta division of the Canadian Society for Exercise Physiology, which is working to connect medical professionals with physical activity practitioners in their communities.

Fast Fact:

The Foundation supports school divisions in their efforts to adopt policies and offer programs that encourage healthy lifestyles among students, staff and community members.

Fast Fact:

Network members share best practices, strategies for fostering supportive environments and success stories about special-focus areas, such as workplace campaigns and rural active living programs.

Supporting Children and Youth

Research shows that active children and youth tend to grow up to be active adults. Initiatives under a Memorandum of Understanding among the Public Health Agency of Canada, Alberta Health and Wellness, and Tourism, Parks and Recreation received $356,000 from the Foundation for projects promoting healthy living and physical activity. Results included free after-school physical activities and healthy eating programs for 14 low-income, urban schools; a provincial inventory of joint use agreements between school jurisdictions and municipalities; the Swim to Survive program being offered to rural school communities; and Treaty Six schools being supported in their efforts to promote active living, nutrition and mental health.

Additionally, to deliver the Summer Active and Winter Active campaigns, the Foundation and many partners supported a Winter Walk Day, and a Healthy Active School Communities Resource to encourage physical activity, healthy eating and tobacco-free practices and policies within Alberta schools and communities.

Fast Fact:

Only 13% of our children and youth were active at the recommended 90 minutes of physical activity a day in 2008. The Foundation addressed this by distributing $356,000 for projects supporting active living and healthy weights.

"Winter Walk Day 2009 was a huge success, thanks to Foundation support. Nearly 73,000 Albertans in schools, communities and workplaces walked a combined total of 2 million minutes!"

Bev Esslinger, SHAPE (Safe Healthy Active People Everywhere)

Showcasing excellence

Saluting fair play

Spotlighting role models

Rewarding dedication

Supporting communities

Multi-Sport Games

Celebrating Achievement

Multi-sport games bring together Alberta's best in a showcase of skill, sportsmanship and triumph. The Foundation is proud to provide funding for athletes, coaches and officials as well as financial support for communities that host the Western Canada, Arctic, Alberta 55 Plus, and Alberta Summer and Winter Games.

Alberta Summer Games
August 7-10, 2008

The August sky was clear and the temperature was hot when over 2,800 athletes, coaches and officials arrived in beautiful Medicine Hat to compete in 15 sports at the Alberta Summer Games.

The Games kicked off with the ATCO torch relay making its way down the South Saskatchewan River by canoe and then through community pathways, carried by runners and walkers from 10 years of age to 78. The 'activity through the ages' relay culminated with a show-stopping display from Canadian Military personnel, who rappelled from a CH-146 Griffon helicopter to deliver the torch to the Opening Ceremonies.

Over 2,000 volunteers came together to make the Games a resounding success. The host community built a $1.249 million all-weather track and realized a significant financial legacy.

"Hosting the Alberta Games in a community provides an opportunity to demonstrate 'civic pride' through volunteers helping out and the business and corporate sector supporting the Games to the best of their ability. Notwithstanding these two aspects there is still another positive spin-off – that being the economic impact and the legacies left behind."

Dr. Ken Sauer, Vice Chairman of the 2008 Alberta Summer Games

Alberta 55 Plus Games
February 19-22, 2009

The Alberta 55 Plus Winter Games is a four-day event that brings the spirit of competition and fun to the province. The Foundation is proud to have this new event as part of our ongoing program. In partnership with the Alberta 55 Plus Association, the Foundation helps promote healthy lifestyles, regardless of age. In February 2009, the first Alberta 55 Plus Winter Games were hosted in Lethbridge, where 1,069 participants from all over Alberta competed in 13 activities, including Alpine Skiing, Euchre, Hockey, Ice Curling, Scrabble and Table Tennis. Lethbridge is the first city in Alberta to complete a full cycle of Alberta Games – from youth to the 55 plus – thanks to the efforts of over 700 volunteers.

Fast Fact:

1,069 Albertans participated in 2009's inaugural Alberta 55 Plus Winter Games.

"Hosting grant support in 2008 and 2009 allowed Dive Calgary to host three levels of competitions in Calgary this season: the Dive Calgary Electric International, the Canadian Winter Senior Nationals and the Alberta Summer Provincials. ASRPWF programs have also improved our coaching and athlete development programs through funding for training camps and coach mentorship. Dive Calgary is very grateful to ASRPWF for their commitment to sport at every level throughout the province."

Cindy Casper – Dive Calgary

Hosting Program

The Foundation's Hosting Program is designed to encourage the development and participation in sport, recreation, parks and wildlife activities through sporting and non-sporting events. During 2008/2009, 85 Hosting Grants totalling over $480,000 were allocated to provincial sport and recreation associations and local clubs and organizations to host western Canadian, national and international events.

> "The Canadian Red Cross AGM is a vital and important part of our humanitarian work, and we have committed significant internal resources to it, your positive review of our application allowed our visitors to Alberta an enhanced and amplified experience of all we, who live here, are lucky enough to enjoy each and every day."
>
> Steven D. Armstrong, Canadian Red Cross

Alberta Olympic, Paralympic & Athlete of the Year Salute

The Foundation, in conjunction with the Canadian Sport Centre Calgary, honoured our 2007 Alberta Athletes of the Year as well as Alberta athletes, coaches, team leaders, medical and mission staff who represented Canada at the XXIX Olympic Summer Games and XIII Paralympic Summer Games in Beijing.

The event was staged on October 14, 2008, in Calgary. A total of 90 athletes and coaches were honoured as well as 34 mission staff, medical and team leaders.

The 2007 Athletes and Team of the Year included: Erica Morningstar, Andrew Schnell, Jan Hudec, Jessica Zelinka and the Charley Thomas Curling Team, consisting of Charley Thomas, Brock Virtue, Matthew Ng and Kyle Reynolds.

Fast Fact:

Over $480,000 was allocated to 85 clubs, organizations and associations through the Foundation's Hosting Program.

Fast Fact:

The Foundation promotes stewardship and fosters the conservation of natural areas and watersheds vital to ecological diversity.

Championing sustainability

Protecting biodiversity

Facilitating connections

Preserving natural spaces

Enhancing quality of life

Park & Wildlife Ventures

Enabling Stewardship

The Foundation manages donated lands and assets, supports parks and wildlife initiatives, and assists others to achieve common objectives.

In partnership with the private sector, non-governmental organizations and other government departments, we are protecting Alberta's internationally renowned natural spaces.

Municipal Recreation/Tourism Area Projects

With its vast array of four-season recreational offerings and some of the most pristine wilderness on Earth, Alberta attracts millions of tourists annually. To ensure unforgettable experiences for visitors and residents alike, Municipal Recreation/Tourism Area Projects (MR/TA Projects) help to maintain outdoor public recreation facilities to high standards. MR/TA projects also help communities to grow their amenities base and assist local businesses with tourism attraction.

In 2008/2009, the Foundation provided over 250 province-wide Municipal Recreation and Tourism Area Projects with operating grants totalling over $1.4 million. Over 55,550 events from sport tournaments to wilderness treks were made possible with the Foundation's support. Through the year, Alberta volunteerism took centre stage, with 52,600 volunteers contributing over 264,400 hours to operate and maintain event venues and facilities.

Managed Recreational Trails

Aligned with the Government of Alberta's objective of creating an extensive province-wide trail system to support responsible and sustainable recreational activity, the Foundation is proud to partner with the Alberta TrailNet Society, a non-profit organization that supports the safe, sustainable use of recreational trails.

The Society serves as an educational resource for Alberta trail mapping – particularly trails beyond the mountain parks region – and is currently developing a provincial trail database that seeks to examine and mitigate the impact of unmanaged land access. Alberta TrailNet is working to complete the Alberta section of the Trans Canada Trail, which will create a continuous, Canada-wide recreational trail.

Park and Wildlife Ventures

Conserving Alberta's world-renowned natural areas and wildlife habitats is a key Foundation priority. Through charitable land donations, land purchases, land management partnerships with conservation groups and fundraising initiatives, the Park and Wildlife Ventures Program contributes to the province-wide growth of private land conservation practices. In this regard, the Foundation promotes stewardship and fosters the conservation of natural areas and watersheds vital to ecological diversity within the province.

The Foundation currently holds 21 Alberta land projects and associated trust accounts for the sole purpose of conservation. Conserving these natural areas is a joint effort among landowners, community groups, industry, government agencies, non-government agencies, donors and volunteers. Together we are ensuring that future generations can experience Alberta's magnificent natural areas, unspoiled, in perpetuity.

The Foundation is pleased to be part of the Alberta land conservation movement and celebrates the successes of other conservation initiatives. When stewardship is a guiding tenet, everyone benefits.

Funding programs

Creating opportunities

Fostering inclusiveness

Elevating performance

Spurring economic growth

Funding & Partnerships

Interconnected and inclusive, the Foundation fosters positive relationships with Alberta communities through partnerships and program funding. Every year, the Foundation contributes approximately $8.5 million to 103 provincial sport and recreation associations, which in turn provide services to over 1.2 million Albertans.

Through development initiatives grants and hosting programs, the Foundation creates opportunities for Albertans of all ages to participate and thrive.

Alberta Sport Development Centre Network

The Foundation continues to support the development of Alberta's emerging athletes and coaches through the Alberta Sport Development Centre Network (ASDC). In collaboration with the Canadian Sport Centre Calgary, Sport Canada, post-secondary institutions and local municipalities, this comprehensive network coordinates services for high-performance athletes and coaches across Alberta. Services that are offered include athlete performance testing, athlete enhancement programs, "Winning Edge" educational seminars, mental training, sport nutrition and coaching development.

The ASDC network has developed working relationships with regional sport communities in addition to increasing partnerships with the provincial sport associations. The Foundation also uses these centres for Alberta, Arctic and Canada Games preparation.

The ASDC network now consists of six centres across the province: ASDC Northwest (Grande Prairie), ASDC Northeast (Fort McMurray), ASDC Capital Region (Edmonton), ASDC Central (Red Deer), ASDC Southwest (Lethbridge) and ASDC Southeast (Medicine Hat).

International Sport Exchanges

International Sport exchanges foster sport development, friendship and potential economic development. The 2008/2009 period marked the second year of an exchange with the provinces of Gangwon, Korea and Hokkaido, Japan. In September 2008, a women's hockey delegation of 20 athletes and eight leaders visited Alberta from Hokkaido, and in March 2009, a delegation of 10 athletes and five leaders representing curling visited Gangwon. The sport exchanges allowed each delegate an opportunity to experience another country and learn about the customs and culture first-hand while maintaining a strong relationship with sister provinces.

Sport Participation Initiative

The benefits of sport are many, but sometimes certain groups in Alberta face challenges in accessing opportunities. The Sport Participation Initiative, in partnership with Sport Canada, allocated over $680,000 to fund 11 different projects that create opportunities for under-represented populations. Girls and women, Aboriginals, persons with disabilities and economically disadvantaged youth have all benefited from the success of the Sport Participation Initiative.

In 2008/2009, ongoing programming with InMotion Network, Hockey Alberta (Sledge Hockey), Alberta Curling Federation (Wheelchair Curling), Indigenous Sport Council, FunTeam Alberta, Alberta Amputee Sports and Recreation Association, Alberta Sport Development Centre (Capital Region) all contributed to the Initiative.

In addition, 16 organizations were granted one-time project funding of $85,240 to enhance or increase sport for these populations.

Part of the Sport Participation Initiative involves advancing the Canadian Sport for Life movement.

Fast Fact:

The Sport Participation Initiative allocates over $750,000 annually to fund projects that create opportunities for everyone.

Canadian Sport for Life

Alberta is committed to Canadian Sport for Life (CS4L), a movement that seeks to make sport an important part of everyone's life. Giant steps have been taken by Alberta and other federal, provincial and territorial governments in endorsing the concept of Long Term Athlete Development (LTAD). A seven-stage model focusing on three outcomes – lifelong participation, physical literacy and improved performance – encourages physical activity among all Canadians and will only help to improve the calibre of sport across the country.

In 2008/2009, the Foundation conducted presentations, facilitated meetings and hosted workshops for educational leaders, health practitioners, early child care providers, active living agents, municipal leaders and sport and recreation organizations. More than 800 participants were introduced to the CS4L and LTAD messages and movement. A total of $77,500 funding was also provided to not-for-profit organizations to implement LTAD and complete CS4L projects.

Association Support Grant

The Alberta Sport Plan has identified organizational capacity as an area of emphasis. The Foundation is committed to supporting improved organizational capacity of the provincial sport and recreation associations.

Many provincial associations have demonstrated a consistent ability to deliver tangible sport and recreation benefits throughout Alberta, but their growth potential is often limited by the lack of staff or volunteers.

The Association Support Grant is intended for associations that have few or no staff resources available. This program is a three-year pilot project that commenced in 2007, with 37 associations receiving funding. In 2008/2009, just over $1 million was granted to associations.

"The Association Support Grant has made all the difference. We could not grow as a sport without it. With the creation of this new position we are making a huge impact provincially."

Alberta Amateur Wrestling Association

Coaching

As some of the best and brightest leaders in Alberta, coaches serve our communities as positive role models and mentor our children from the playground to the podium, benefiting athletes throughout the province. The Foundation trained over 2,400 coaches in the multi-sport National Coaching Certification Program in 2008/2009. The need for experienced coaches continues to grow, and the Foundation is dedicated to fulfilling that need.

High Performance Coaching Development

The High Performance Coaching Development program strives to increase the number of coaching positions in the province while encouraging the continued development of coaches. Through the High Performance Coaching Development program, the Foundation ensures athletes receive the level of coaching they need to proudly represent the province at the Canada Games, the Alberta Games, the Paralympics and the Olympics.

In 2008/2009, 24 provincial sport associations employed high-performance coaches through the program, and 31 coaches received the funding required for further development. The support and development of these coaches have helped to mentor 550 other coaches in Alberta and benefit over 2,000 athletes.

Coach and Officials Initiatives

The Coach and Official Initiatives granted over $74,000 in 2008/2009 to over 42 recipients and organizations to help fund education and development for coaches and officials, especially those working in remote areas or experiencing extraordinary circumstances.

"Support from the Foundation's Development Initiatives Program played a significant role in the success of the 2009 Canadian Indoor 3D Archery Championships."

Alberta Archers Association, event hosts

Fast Fact:

The Foundation trained over 2,400 coaches in the multi-sport NCCP program in 2008/2009.

Fast Fact:

316 projects received grants totalling more than $750,000 from the Development Initiatives Program.

Development Initiatives Program

The Foundation supports Albertans from all walks of life in their pursuit of sport and recreation. From the individual applicant to a wide variety of organizations, the Development Initiatives Program grants funding for creative and innovative projects that benefit the community and beyond. For 2008/2009, grants totalling over $750,000 were provided for 316 community projects related to sport and recreation programs, equipment, athlete training and parks and wildlife research projects. Of those 447 applications, 316 were granted funding, including $393,610 for 206 approved sport applications, $210,144 for 74 approved recreation applications, $26,683 for 6 approved parks applications, and $125,980 for 30 approved wildlife applications.

Podium Alberta

In 2008/2009, the Podium Alberta program was launched to provide support to Alberta's nationally carded high-performance athletes. Podium Alberta was established to:

- help athletes continue their pursuit of athletic excellence at the highest levels of national and international competition
- encourage athletes to stay in Alberta to live and train
- enable athletes to successfully pursue excellence in sport while fulfilling their educational goals
- increase athlete access to high-performance coaching and sports science practitioners
- enhance training and competitive opportunities available to athletes.

The program reimbursed 230 athletes for training and competition expenses totalling approximately $1 million.

North American Indigenous Games August 3-10, 2008

Hosted by the Cowichan First Nation, British Columbia, the 2008 North American Indigenous Games brought together Aboriginal youth in a celebration of pride, dignity, self-esteem, confidence and achievement. Team Alberta finished third overall, winning 48 gold, 42 silver and 34 bronze medals. Bilateral funding through the Foundation was matched by Sport Canada, totalling $175,000 to support travel to and from the games.

"Thanks to the Foundation's generous support, I and three of my Junior Nordic Combined teammates were able to train in Austria and Slovenia and compete in Lake Placid, NY, where I was able to get first place for Canada."

Yukon de Leeuw, Ski Jumper and Nordic Combined athlete

Fast Fact:

$100,000 was provided toward self-sustainable sport programs in Aboriginal communities.

Aboriginal Sport Bilateral

The Foundation coordinates the Aboriginal Sport Bilateral, partnering with Sport Canada, Rural Alberta's Development Fund and the Indigenous Sport Council to grow sports programs in Aboriginal communities.

The Foundation's support of this initiative enabled the formation of new staff positions to help Aboriginal communities gain capacity and sustainability in producing and operating self-determined programs and projects.

Alberta's Future Leaders Program

The Alberta's Future Leaders program is a three-way partnership between Aboriginal or Metis communities, the private sector and the provincial government through the Foundation, with assistance from the Alberta Foundation for the Arts. The partnership provides funding to place trained youth workers and arts workers in communities for four months during the summer, to provide programs and services and to act as positive role models and mentors. The funding also provides for a leadership training camp for community youth away from their home communities, where they learn skills to bring back to their home community.

Each community operated with a $25,200 budget for the summer funding, from the Foundation (and the Alberta Foundation for the Arts), community and corporate sponsors. The funding supported 27 youth worker salaries in 10 communities. One of the key measures of the program is the number of communities that have established full-time recreation/youth development positions after three years of summer youth workers. To date, 17 communities have established positions.

Program participation grew to 11,989 in 2008, an increase of 4,916 over 2007. The total number of participant service hours grew to 70,160 from 68,435 the previous year.

Fast Fact:

The Foundation supported 27 Alberta Future Leaders' salaries.

Financial Statements

Auditor's Report

To the Members of the Alberta Sport, Recreation, Parks and Wildlife Foundation and the Minister of Tourism, Parks and Recreation:

I have audited the statement of financial position of the Alberta Sport, Recreation, Parks and Wildlife Foundation as at March 31, 2009, and the statements of operations and cash flows for the year then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Foundation's management. My responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on my audit.

I conducted my audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that I plan and perform an audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation.

In my opinion, these financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Foundation as at March 31, 2009 and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles.

Edmonton, Alberta
June 1, 2009

Fred J. Dunn FCA
Auditor General

Alberta Sport, Recreation, Parks and Wildlife Foundation
Statement Of Operations
Year ended March 31, 2009 (in thousands)

	2009					2008
	Budget	Unrestricted Fund	Restricted Fund	Endowment Restricted Fund	Total Actual	Total Actual Restated (Note 3)
Revenues (Schedule 1)						
Internal Government Transfers	$25,120	$25,120	$ –	$ –	$25,120	$23,618
Transfers from the Government of Canada	478	538	–	–	538	478
Investment Income	476	386	131	–	517	591
Premiums, Fees and Licences	90	202	–	–	202	216
Other Revenue	2,106	1,057	233	–	1,290	944
	28,270	27,303	364	–	27,667	25,847
Expenses – Directly Incurred (Note 2(b) and Schedules 2 and 4)						
Provincial Programs	17,767	17,143	70	–	17,213	16,680
Alberta and Interprovincial Games	3,409	3,832	148	–	3,980	3,688
Active Lifestyles	1,930	2,105	–	–	2,105	2,047
High Performance Athlete Assistance	1,500	993	–	–	993	-
Municipal Recreation / Tourism Areas	1,493	1,474	–	–	1,474	1,494
Provincial and Regional Development	743	754	–	–	754	667
Percy Page Centre (Note 9)	478	347	–	–	347	329
Parks and Wildlife Ventures	450	211	21	–	232	324
Other Initiatives	105	32	22	–	54	125
Administration	403	403	6	–	409	368
	28,278	27,294	267	–	27,561	25,722
Net Operating Results	$ (8)	9	97	–	106	125
Fund Balances at Beginning of Year		302	4,109	426	4,837	4,712
Fund Balances at End of Year		$ 311	$4,206	$426	$ 4,943	$ 4,837

The accompanying notes and schedules are part of these financial statements.

Statement Of Financial Position
As at March 31, 2009 (in thousands)

	2009	2008
		Restated (Note 3)
Assets		
Cash (Note 4)	$2,619	$3,379
Accounts Receivable (Note 5)	850	266
Prepaid Expenses and Inventory (Note 5)	72	53
	3,541	3,698
Restricted Cash (Note 7)	426	426
Tangible Capital Assets (Schedule 5)	2,330	2,334
	$6,297	$6,458
Liabilities		
Accounts Payable and Accrued Liabilities	$1,354	$1,621
Fund Balances		
Unrestricted	311	302
Endowment Restricted (Note 7)	426	426
Restricted (Note 8)	4,206	4,109
	4,943	4,837
	$6,297	$6,458

The accompanying notes and schedules are part of these financial statements.

Statement Of Cash Flows
Year ended March 31, 2009 (in thousands)

	2009	2008
		Restated (Note 3)
Operating Transactions		
Net Operating Results	$ 106	$ 125
Non-cash items included in Net Operating Results – Amortization	12	8
	118	133
Increase in Accounts Receivable	(584)	(195)
(Increase) Decrease in Prepaid Expenses and Inventory	(19)	14
Increase (Decrease) in Accounts Payable and Accrued Liabilities	(257)	1,151
Increase (Decrease) in Unearned Revenue	–	(27)
Cash Provided by (Applied to) Operating Transactions	(752)	1,076
Capital Transactions		
Acquisition of Tangible Capital Assets	(8)	(18)
Increase (Decrease) in Cash	(760)	1,058
Cash, at Beginning of Year	3,805	2,747
Cash, at End of Year	$3,045	$3,805

The accompanying notes and schedules are part of these financial statements.

Notes to the Financial Statements
Year ended March 31, 2009

Note 1 Authority and Purpose

The Alberta Sport, Recreation, Parks and Wildlife Foundation (Foundation) operates under the authority of the *Alberta Sport, Recreation, Parks and Wildlife Foundation Act,* Chapter A-34, Revised Statutes of Alberta 2000.

The purpose of the Foundation is to support enhancement of sport, recreation, parks and wildlife programs for all Albertans.

The Foundation is a Crown agent of the Government of Alberta and as such has a tax exempt status.

Note 2 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies and Reporting Practices

These financial statements are prepared in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles for the public sector as recommended by the Public Sector Accounting Board of the Canadian Institute of Chartered Accountants (PSAB).

(a) Reporting Entity

The reporting entity is the Alberta Sport, Recreation, Parks and Wildlife Foundation, which is part of the Ministry of Tourism, Parks and Recreation (Ministry) and for which the Minister of Tourism, Parks and Recreation is accountable. The Ministry Annual Report provides a more comprehensive accounting of the financial position and results of the Ministry's operations for which the Minister are accountable.

(b) Basis of Financial Reporting

Fund Accounting

Transactions are grouped, for accounting and reporting purposes, into funds in accordance with specified activities or objectives. These funds are described as follows:

- operating fund accounts for revenues and expenses associated with the primary activities of the Foundation;
- restricted fund accounts for non-government contributions received for which donors have specified the purpose, restricted interest earned, related expenses incurred, and funds restricted by the Board of Directors; and
- endowment fund accounts for contributions received under various agreements with sponsors and matching funds provided by the Foundation. Interest earned on the existing endowment funds can only be used to fund various sport programs, and are therefore recorded as part of the restricted fund. The principal must remain intact.

Revenues

All revenues are reported on the accrual basis of accounting. Cash received for which goods or services have not been provided by year end is recorded as unearned revenue.

Donations are recognized as revenues when they are received. Donations of materials and services that would otherwise have been purchased are recorded at fair value at the date of donation when fair value can reasonably be determined.

Internal Government Transfers

Internal government transfers are transfers between entities within the government reporting entity where the entity making the transfer does not receive any goods or services directly in return.

Transfers from Government of Canada

Transfers from Government of Canada are recognized as revenue when authorized by federal legislation or federal/provincial agreements, eligibility criteria if any are met and a reasonable estimate of the amounts can be made.

Expenses

Directly Incurred

Directly incurred expenses are those costs the Foundation has primary responsibility and accountability for, as reflected in the Government's budget documents.

Directly incurred expenses include amortization of tangible capital assets.

Grants are recorded as expenses when authorized and when all eligibility criteria have been satisfied.

Incurred by Others

Services contributed by other entities in support of the Foundation's operations are disclosed in Schedule 4.

Assets

Financial assets of the Foundation are limited to financial claims, such as advances to and receivables from other organizations and individuals, as well as inventories held for resale.

Inventories are valued at the lower of cost and net realizable value. Cost is determined on the first in, first out basis.

Assets acquired by right are not included. Tangible capital assets of the Foundation are recorded at historical cost and amortized on a straight-line basis over the estimated useful lives of the assets. The threshold for capitalizing new systems development is $100,000 and the threshold for all other tangible capital assets is $5,000. All land is capitalized.

Donated tangible capital assets are recorded at their fair value at the time of contribution.

Artworks are not recorded as assets. Purchases of artworks are expensed in the period in which the items are acquired. Donations of artworks are reported as revenue and expenses at their fair value when fair value can be determined. When fair value cannot be reasonably determined, these donations are recorded at nominal value.

Liabilities

Liabilities are recorded to the extent that they represent present obligations as a result of events and transactions occurring prior to the end of fiscal year. The settlement of liabilities will result in sacrifice of economic benefits in the future.

Valuation of Financial Assets and Liabilities

Fair value is the amount of consideration agreed upon in an arm's length transaction between knowledgeable, willing parties who are under no compulsion to act.

The fair values of accounts receivable, and accounts payable and accrued liabilities are estimated to approximate their carrying values because of the short-term nature of these instruments.

Note 3 Restatement of Prior Year Fund Balance (in thousands)

The Alberta Sport, Recreation, Parks and Wildlife Foundation received a contribution which was included in accounts receivable in the amount of $2,300 in the prior year. Through a legal review process the receivable amount was deemed a perpetual trust, in which the foundation is entitled to the investment income only. Comparatives for 2008 have been restated as if the Foundation was only in receipt of investment income. The Fund balance on March 31, 2008 is made up as follows:

Fund Balance as previously reported	$7,101
Transfer from Accounts Receivable	(2,300)
Transfer to Accounts Receivable Investment Income	36
Fund Balance at March 31, 2008	$4,837

Note 4 Cash and Restricted Cash (in thousands)

Cash consists of deposits in the Consolidated Cash Investment Trust Fund (CCITF) of the Province of Alberta. The CCITF is managed with the objective of providing competitive interest income to depositors while maintaining appropriate security and liquidity of depositors' capital. The portfolio is comprised of high-quality short-term and mid-term fixed-income securities with a maximum term-to-maturity of three years. As at March 31, 2009, securities held by Fund have a time–weighted return of 3.0% per annum (2008 - 4.5% per annum).

Cash in the amount of $1,729 (2008 - $1,692) has been externally restricted and $146 (2008 - $143) has been internally restricted and is therefore not available to pay for operating expenses of the Foundation (Notes 7 and 8).

Due to the short-term nature of these deposits, the carrying value approximates fair value.

Note 5 Accounts Receivable, Prepaid Expenses and Inventory (in thousands)

	2009			2008
	Gross Amount	Allowance for Doubtful Accounts	Net Realizable Value	Net Realizable Value
				Restated (Note 3)
Accounts Receivable	$850	$ –	$850	$266
Inventory	16	–	16	8
Prepaid Expenses	56	–	56	45
	$922	$ –	$922	$319

Accounts receivable are unsecured and non-interest bearing.

Note 6 Artworks (in thousands)

The Foundation has a collection of artworks consisting of 19 (2008 – 19) prints of the Waterfowl of North America Collection #1250 with an approximate value of $5 (2008 – $5). There were no artwork dispositions (2008 – Nil) or acquisitions (2008 – Nil) during the year.

Note 7 Endowment Restricted Fund (in thousands)

	2009	2008
Externally Restricted Contributions	$228	$228
Internally Restricted Matching Funds	198	198
	$426	$426

Note 8 Restricted Fund (in thousands)

	2009	2008
		Restated (Note 3)
Investment in Land and Buildings[a]	$2,232	$2,238
Externally Restricted Funds	1,828	1,728
Internally Restricted Funds	146	143
	$4,206	$4,109

[a] The land and buildings are governed by restrictions that require the Foundation to use these assets for its programs.

Note 9 Percy Page Centre

The Foundation operates the Percy Page Centre, Edmonton, to provide accommodation and office services to non-profit organizations. These organizations are charged for their use of office equipment, supplies and print shop facilities.

Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)
Year ended March 31, 2009

Note 10 Honoraria (in thousands)

	2009			2008
	Honoraria[a]	Benefits and Allowances[b]	Total	Total
Board[c]				
Chair[d]	$ –	$ –	$ –	$ –
Other Members (10)	61	–	61	59
	$61	$ –	$61	$59

[a] The Foundation has no employees. Staff of the Department of Tourism, Parks and Recreation administer the Foundation. Disclosure of information on their salaries and benefits, a requirement under Treasury Board Directive 03/2004, is included in the financial statements of the Department of Tourism, Parks and Recreation.

[b] No benefits were provided to board members.

[c] Members appointed to the Foundation are paid honoraria for attending Foundation meetings at rates set by Ministerial Order. They are also paid for sub-committee meetings, to attend out-of-town meetings and for attending to other Foundation duties.

[d] The Chair did not receive honoraria or benefits and allowances at his request.

Note 11 Contractual Obligations (in thousands)

	2009	2008
Grant Agreements	$320	$2,971
Long-term Leases	272	326
Service Contracts	334	3
	$926	$3,300

The aggregate amounts payable for the unexpired terms of these contractual obligations are as follows:

	Grant Agreements	Long-term Leases	Service Contracts	Total
2009-2010	$120	$ 83	$334	$537
2010-2011	150	89	–	239
2011-2012	50	79	–	129
2012-2013	–	15	–	15
2013-2014	–	6	–	6
	$320	$272	$334	$926

Note 12 Comparative Figures

Certain 2008 figures have been reclassified to conform to the 2009 presentation.

Note 13 Approval of Financial Statements

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors.

Schedule 1 – Revenues
Year ended March 31, 2009 (in thousands)

	2009					2008
	Budget	Unrestricted Fund	Restricted Fund	Endowment Restricted Fund	Total Actual	Total Actual Restated (Note 3)
Internal Government Transfers						
Transfers from the Department of Tourism, Parks and Recreation	$24,970	$24,970	$ –	$ –	$24,970	$23,470
Transfers from the Alberta Foundation for the Arts	150	150	–	–	150	148
	25,120	25,120	–	–	25,120	23,618
Transfers from the Government of Canada	478	538	–	–	538	478
Investment Income	476	386	131	–	517	591
Premiums, Fees and Licenses						
Alberta Games Registration Fees	50	188	–	–	188	148
Alberta's Future Leaders Fees	15	14	–	–	14	19
Conference Fees	25	–	–	–	–	49
	90	202	–	–	202	216
Other Revenue						
Donations	1,570	631	231	–	862	543
Miscellaneous	35	27	–	–	27	50
Refunds of Expenses	20	47	–	–	47	16
Sales						
Percy Page Centre	481	352	–	–	352	322
Parks and Wildlife Ventures	–	–	2	–	2	13
	481	352	2	–	354	335
	2,106	1,057	233	–	1,290	944
	$28,270	$27,303	$364	$ –	$27,667	$25,847

Schedule 2 – Expenses – Directly Incurred by Object
Year ended March 31, 2009 (in thousands)

	2009		2008
	Budget	Actual	Actual
Honoraria (Note 10)	$ 11	$ 61	$ 59
Supplies and Services	2,359	2,134	2,335
Supplies and Services from Support Service Arrangements with Related Parties[a]	2,566	2,635	2,245
Grants	23,334	22,719	21,075
Amortization of Tangible Capital Assets	8	12	8
	$28,278	$27,561	$25,722

[a] The Foundation receives financial and program related administrative services from the Department of Tourism, Parks, and Recreation.

Schedule 3 – Related Party Transactions
Year ended March 31, 2009 (in thousands)

Related parties are those entities consolidated or accounted for on the modified equity basis in the Province of Alberta's financial statements.

The Foundation paid or collected certain taxes and fees set by regulation for permits, licences and other charges. These amounts were incurred in the normal course of business, reflect charges applicable to all users, and have been excluded from this Schedule.

The Foundation had the following transactions with related parties recorded on the Statement of Operations and the Statement of Financial Position at the amount of consideration agreed upon between the related parties:

	Entities in the Ministry		Other Entities	
	2009	2008	2009	2008
Revenues				
Internal Government Transfers	$24,970	$23,470	$150	$148
Expenses – Directly Incurred				
Other services	$ –	$ –	$ 21	$ 28
Accounts Receivable	$ –	$ 6	$ –	$ –
Accounts Payable	$ 4	$ 3	$ –	$ –

The above transactions do not include support service arrangement transactions disclosed in Schedule 2.

The Foundation also had the following transactions with related parties for which no consideration was exchanged. The amounts for these related party transactions are estimated based on the costs incurred by the service provider to provide the service. These amounts are not recorded in the financial statements but are disclosed in Schedule 4.

	Entities in the Ministry		Other Entities	
	2009	2008	2009	2008
Expenses – Incurred by Others				
Accommodation	$ –	$ –	$1,025	$970
Legal	–	–	–	4
Other	76	190	–	–
	$76	$190	$1,025	$974

Schedule 4 – Allocated Costs
Year ended March 31, 2009 (in thousands)

	2009					2008
		Expenses – Incurred by Others				
Program	Expenses[a]	Accommodation Costs[b]	Legal[c]	Other Services[d]	Total Expenses	Total Expenses
Provincial Programs	$17,213	$ 25	$ –	$24	$17,262	$16,749
Alberta and Interprovincial Games	3,980	107	–	27	4,114	3,862
Active Lifestyles	2,105	6	–	3	2,114	2,057
High Performance Athlete Assistance	993	–	–	–	993	–
Municipal Recreation / Tourism Areas	1,474	6	–	4	1,484	1,505
Provincial and Regional Development	754	–	–	1	755	669
Percy Page Centre (Note 8)	347	863	–	3	1,213	1,184
Parks and Wildlife Ventures	232	5	–	5	242	341
Other Initiatives	54	–	–	1	55	127
Administration	409	13	–	8	430	392
	$27,561	$1,025	$ –	$76	$28,662	$26,886

[a] Expenses – Directly incurred as per Statement of Operations.
[b] Costs shown for Accommodation (includes grants in lieu of taxes) on Schedule 3, allocated by square footage.
[c] Costs shown for Legal Services on Schedule 3, allocated by estimated costs incurred by each program.
[d] Costs shown for Other Services on Schedule 3, allocated by estimated costs incurred by each program.

Schedule 5 – Tangible Capital Assets
Year ended March 31, 2009 (in thousands)

	2009					2008
	Unrestricted Assets		Restricted Assets[a]			
	Land	Equipment	Land	Buildings	Total	Total
Estimated Useful Life	Indefinite	5-10 years	Indefinite	40 years		
Historical Cost						
Beginning of Year	$64	$33	$2,050	$255	$2,402	$2,384
Additions	–	8	–	–	8	18
Disposals, Including Write-Downs	–	–	–	–	–	–
	$64	$41	$2,050	$255	$2,410	$2,402
Accumulated Amortization						
Beginning of Year	$ –	$ 2	$ –	$66	$ 68	$ 60
Amortization Expense	–	6	–	6	12	8
Effect of Disposal	–	–	–	–	–	–
	$ –	$ 8	$ –	$ 72	$ 80	$ 68
Net Book Value at End of Year	$64	$33	$2,050	$183	$2,330	
Net Book Value at Beginning of Year	$64	$31	$2,050	$189		$2,334

[a] Restricted for use in the Parks and Wildlife Ventures program.

2008 Board Membership

Orest Korbutt, Chair
(April 1, 2008 – December 31, 2008)
Location: Edmonton
ASRPWF Committee Assignment:
Alberta's Future Leaders Provincial Support Committee (Chair)

William Persley, Chair
(February 4, 2008 – March 31, 2009)
Location: Lac La Biche
ASRPWF Committee Assignment:
Aboriginal Bilateral Advisory Committee (Chair)
Development Initiatives Program – North Zone Committee
Parks and Wildlife Ventures Committee (Chair)

Alfred Fischer
Location: Calgary
ASRPWF Committee Assignment:
Development Initiatives Program – South Zone Committee
Games Committee
Marketing Committee

Vernon Hafso
Location: Viking
ASRPWF Committee Assignment:
Active Living Committee (Chair)
Development Initiatives Program – North Zone Committee

Lloyd Hickman
Location: Lethbridge
ASRPWF Committee Assignment:
Development Initiatives Program – South Zone Committee
Games Committee (Chair)

Doug Jones
Location: Oyen
ASRPWF Committee Assignment:
Development Initiatives Program – North Zone Committee (Chair)
Marketing Committee (Chair)
Parks and Wildlife Ventures Committee

Kay Kenny
Location: Red Deer
ASRPWF Committee Assignment:
Active Living Committee
Development Initiatives Program –
Central Zone Committee (Chair)

Perky McCullough, Board Member
(April 1, 2008 – December 31, 2008)
Location: Grande Prairie
ASRPWF Committee Assignment:
Active Living Committee
Alberta's Future Leaders Provincial
Support Committee
Cultural Advisory Sub-Committee
to the Games Committee (Chair)
Development Initiatives Program –
South Zone Committee (Chair)
Games Committee

Bill Potvin
Location: Fort Saskatchewan
ASRPWF Committee Assignment:
Development Initiatives Program –
Central Zone Committee
Development Initiatives Program –
North Zone Committee

Dale Toogood
Location: Red Deer
ASRPWF Committee Assignment:
Development Initiatives Program –
Central Zone Committee
Marketing Committee

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The Foundation is fortunate to have a number of long-standing corporate sponsors who provide financial support to our programs:

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TransCanada PipeLines Limited continued its support of the Development Initiatives Program, assisting many local community projects such as camp development and programs, facility upgrades and minor sport equipment purchases.

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Alberta's Future Leaders

In the summer of 2008 the following corporations provided sponsor support to the Alberta's Future Leaders program:















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